

AMER. PHARMAC. 1818



CIRCULAR.

AMERICAN PHARMACOPŒIA.

NEW-YORK, 28th February, 1818.

SIR,

WE are instructed to transmit to you the annexed documents of the Medical Society of the state of New-York, respecting the formation of a National Pharmacopœia. It is desirable that, according to their tenor, they should be submitted to the medical associations throughout the Union; and we invite you to promote this design.

In requesting your co-operation in this important work, we do not wish to conceal its difficulties. The object, however, is of such professional magnitude, and so highly important in a national point of view, that, it is hoped all will unite in the most zealous endeavours to attain it.

You will perceive the necessity of giving early attention to the subject, and also of transmitting to this committee whatever resolutions may be adopted, that they may be communicated to other societies.

In the appointment of delegates it is scarcely necessary to suggest the propriety of selecting gentlemen willing to act, and men distinguished for their abilities and learning. It is particularly proper to impress the importance of these points on the incorporated State of Medical Societies, and others, in the immediate vicinity of the probable places of the meetings of the district conventions, for on these delegates much of the labour of forming the district conventional Pharmacopœias must eventually devolve.

Each delegation should be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of their constituents, attached to their credentials; and each district convention should furnish a general record as evidence of the authority of its delegation.

It is greatly to be wished, that every indigenous article, deserving a place in a Pharmacopœia, should be found in this national work, so as to render it as truly American as possible.

This object will be promoted by an attention on the part of the delegates to such native plants as are most in use in their own vicinity; and in order to identify more exactly the articles alluded to, it would be advantageous to furnish the district conventions with specimens of the same, collected when in flower, and carefully dried between folds of blotting-paper, accompanying them with the local or popular name. Every delegate, on his appointment, will naturally turn his attention to the subject of a Pharmacopœia, and collect such formulæ as are in common use in the district of his residence, and which have received the sanction of experience.

If it should be more convenient for any delegation to meet in the convention of either of the districts, other than that in which they are geographically located, it is presumed that no objections can arise from such an arrangement.

It will be highly gratifying to us to learn from the several incorporated State Medical Societies, the several incorporated Colleges of Physicians and

799
3

Surgeons, or Medical Schools, and such Medical Schools as form a faculty in any incorporated University or College in the Union, that the design of forming an American Pharmacopœia receives their approbation.

All communications from the before named institutions, may be addressed to Lyman Spalding, M. D. of the city of New-York.

We have the honor to be your humble servants,

DAVID HOSACK, JOHN R. B. RODGERS, SAMUEL L. MITCHILL, JOHN STEARNS, JOHN WATTS, Junr. T. ROMEYN BECK, LYMAN SPALDING, WRIGHT POST, ALEX. H. STEVENS,	}	Committee.
--	---	------------

Extract from the Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New-York, for the year 1818.

WHEREAS a uniform system of preparing, and compounding medicines, throughout the United States, would contribute much to the satisfaction of the practitioner, and obviate many existing sources of embarrassment and danger; And whereas much diversity does now prevail in pharmaceutical preparations in the different sections and states of the Union, in consequence of the various Pharmacopœias which are adopted—such as Coxe's Dispensatory, the Massachusetts Medical Society's Pharmacopœia, Thacher's Dispensatory, the New-York Hospital Pharmacopœia, the Edinburg Dispensatory, the London Dispensatory, the London Pharmacopœia, the Dublin Pharmacopœia, the Parisian Pharmacopœia, &c.—which accounts for a well known fact, that the traveller gets a different preparation, under the same name, in almost every village, town, or city, in which he may chance to be indisposed. This is not the only evil; for so multifarious are the names of medicines, that a name which is common in one town may be unknown in another, or, what is worse, be applied to a very different medicine. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient that an American Pharmacopœia should be formed for the use of the United States.

Resolved, That the several incorporated state medical societies, the several incorporated colleges of physicians and surgeons, or medical schools, and such medical schools as form a faculty in any incorporated university or college in the United States, be respectfully invited to unite in the formation of the American Pharmacopœia; and in case there should be any state or territory in the Union, in which there is no incorporated medical society, medical college, or school, that voluntary associations of physicians and surgeons, in such state or territory, be respectfully invited to unite in the formation of this work.

Resolved, That, to form the American Pharmacopœia, it will be expedient to divide the United States into four districts, viz. the northern states to form one district; the middle states, one; the southern states, one; and the western states and territories, one.

Resolved, That a convention be called in each of these districts.

Resolved, That each state medical society, college of physicians and surgeons, medical school, faculty of medicine, and voluntary association, as before described, be invited to appoint one or more delegates to meet in district convention.

Resolved, That each district convention form a Pharmacopœia, or select that one which is in the most general use, and make therein such alterations and additions as shall adapt it to the present state of medical science.

Resolved, That each district convention appoint one or more delegates, to meet in general convention, in the city of Washington, and transmit their Pharmacopœias to the general convention.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each medical society, &c. to defray the expenses of its own delegation, and its proportion of the expenses of the district convention.

Resolved, That a general convention be held in the city of Washington on the first day of January, A. D. 1820, to be composed of delegates from the district conventions.

Resolved, That the general convention do form an American Pharmacopœia from the district convention Pharmacopœias.

Resolved, That the general convention adopt a plan for revising the American Pharmacopœia at the end of every ten years, and that no alteration be made therein except once in ten years, and then by the authority aforesaid.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each medical society, &c. to adopt the American Pharmacopœia, and encourage the use of it by all apothecaries.

Resolved, That the general convention do sell, for ten years, the copy right of the American Pharmacopœia.

Resolved, That the general convention defray expenses out of the proceeds of the sale, and divide the surplus equally among all the societies, &c. which were represented in the district conventions.

Resolved, That this Society do now appoint David Hosack, M. D. J. R. B. Rodgers, M. D. Samuel L. Mitchill, M. D. John Stearns, M. D. J. Watts, jun. M. D. T. Romeyn Beck, M. D. Lyman Spalding, M. D. Wright Post, M. D. and Alexander H. Stevens, M. D. delegates to meet in district convention, for the purpose of forming a Pharmacopœia.

Resolved, That the delegates appointed by this Society be a special committee to correspond with all the incorporated state medical societies, &c. in the Union, and such influential medical men as they may deem proper.

Resolved, That if a majority of the incorporated state medical societies, incorporated medical colleges, medical schools, and faculties of medicine, in the United States, approve of the formation of an American Pharmacopœia, that it ought to be undertaken.

Resolved, That as soon as it shall be made known that a majority of the societies, &c. approve of the formation of a Pharmacopœia, that the special committee of correspondence of the New-York State Medical Society, shall give public notice, as well as notice to all incorporated state medical societies, &c. that an American Pharmacopœia will be formed.

Resolved, That in order to fix on times and places for holding the several district conventions, the special committee of correspondence be directed to request the several societies, &c. to name what time and place, in their opinion, would be most convenient for the meeting of the convention in their district; and when the formation of a Pharmacopœia is agreed on, that the aforesaid committee transmit to each society, &c. the names of the several places in their district, and the times which have been mentioned, and point out what time and place have the most votes, and submit to the several societies, &c. if such time and place would be most convenient.

Resolved, That this Society would propose the first day of June, A. D. 1819, and the city of Philadelphia, as a convenient time and place, for the meeting of the convention, in the district known by the name of the Middle States.

MEDICAL BOOKS.

JAMES WEBSTER,

No. 24, South Eighth street, one square from the University, Philadelphia—publisher of the American Medical Recorder, constantly keeps for sale a general assortment of Medical Books, among which are, viz. Aphorisms, by Thomas Denman, M. D. on the Application and Use of Forceps and Victis, on Preternatural Labours ; or Labours attended with Hæmorrhage and with convulsions.

Abernethy's Surgical Works complete, 2 volumes.

Accum's Chemistry, 2 vols. 8vo.

Analysis, 12mo.

Alibert on Intermittents, translated by Caldwell, 8vo.

Aiken's Mineralogy.

Anatomical Examinations.

Accum on Chemical Tests.

Bailie's Morbid Anatomy, 8vo.

Barclay's Anatomical Nomenclature.

Baudelocque's Midwifery, abridged and improved by Dr. Dewees of Philadelphia, with plates, 8vo.

Bell on the Venereal.

Beddoes's observations on the nature and cure of Calculus, Sea Scurvy, Consumption, Catarrh, and Fever: together with conjectures upon several other subjects of Physiology and Pathology, 8vo.

B. Bell's System of Surgery, many plates, 4 vols. 8vo.

Ditto, abridged by Waters, 1 vol. 8vo. plates.

Bell on Ulcers and White Swellings, 8vo.

Bell's (John) Surgery, abridged by Smith.
on Wounds.

Bell's (Charles) Operative Surgery, 2 vols. 8vo.

Bell's Engravings of the Arteries, Bones, Muscles, Joints, and Nerves.

Brown's Elements of Medicine, or a translation of the Elementa Medicinæ Brunonis, with large notes,

illustrations and comments. By the author of the original work, with observations on the character and writings of the author. By Thomas Beddoes, M. D.

Bell's Anatomy, 4 vols. 8vo.

Ditto, 2 vols. 8vo.

Barton's Elements of Botany, 2 vols. 8vo.

Bard's Compend of Midwifery.

Bree on Asthma.

Barclay on Muscular Motion.

Bell on Strictures of the Urethra.

Boyer's Surgery, 2 vols.

Burn's Midwifery, with notes, by Dr. James, 2 vols. 8vo.

Blackall on Dropsy.

Bateman on Cutaneous Diseases.

Cullen's Practice, with Notes, 2 vols. by Charles Caldwell, M. D.

Course of Examinations, &c. by Condie.

Compendium of the Practice of Physic, by E. G. Clarke, of the Royal College of Physicians, London, translated from the Original Latin, with Notes and Additions, by Dr. Worthington.

Coxe's Orfila:—Practical Chemistry, or a description of the Processes by which the various Articles of Chemical Research in the Animal, Vegetable and Mineral Kingdoms are procured: together with the best mode of Analysis, illustrated by eight Copper Plates; translated from the French of P. M. Orfila, author of the General System of Toxicology, by John Redman Coxe, M. D. Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Pennsylvania; to which is added, a variety of Subjects of practical utility; and a copious Glossary of Chemical Terms and Synonimes.

Carmichael's (Richard, M. R. I. A.) Essay on the Venereal Diseases which have been confounded with Syphilis and the Symptoms which exclusively arise from that poison. Illustrated by coloured Plates of the Cutaneous Eruptions of the true Syphilis and the resembling Diseases, with an intro-

ductory discourse by N. Chapman, M. D.

Chapman's Elements of Therapeutics, and Materia Medica, 2 vols.

Cutbush's (Edward, M. D. of the United States Navy) Observations on the means of preserving the Health of Soldiers and Sailors, and on the Duties of the Medical Department of the Army and Navy; with remarks on Hospitals and the Internal Arrangement.

Cutbush's Chemistry, 2 vols.

Cooper's Surgical Dictionary, by Dorsey, 2 vols. 8vo.

Coxe on Vaccination, 8vo.

Coxe's (J. M., M. D.) Practical Observations on Insanity, in which some suggestions are offered towards an Improved Mode of treating diseases of the mind, and some rules proposed, which it is hoped may lead to a more humane and successful method of cure. To which are subjoined, Remarks on Medical Jurisprudence as connected with Diseased Intellect.

Coxe's American Dispensatory, containing the operations of Pharmacy; together with the Natural, Chemical, Pharmaceutical and Medical History of the different substances employed in Medicine. Illustrated and explained according to the principles of Modern Chemistry. The arrangement simplified, and the whole adapted to the Practice of Medicine and Pharmacy in the United States, with several Copper Plates, exhibiting the new system of Chemical Characters, and representing the most Useful Apparatus. Fourth edition, much improved by John Redman Coxe, M. D. Professor of Chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, &c.

Carver on the Age of the Horse.

Cullen's First Lines of the Practice of Physic, with Notes and Selections from Currie, Hamilton, Fordyce, Hunter, E. Home, Saunders, Baillie, and other celebrated writers. In 2 vols. handsomely printed, and bound in one large volume.

Cullen's Materia Medica, by Dr. Barton, 2 vols.

Currie on the Climate and Diseases of the United States, 8vo.

on Bilious and Remitting Fever, 8vo.

's Reports on Water in Fevers, 8vo.

Conversations on Chemistry, 2 vols.

Cleghorn's Minorca, 12mo, and in 8vo.

Cooper's Surgery.

Copeland on the Rectum.

Caldwell's Medical Theses, 2 vols.

Cheyne on Hydrocephalus, 12mo.

on Croup, 12mo.

Cullen's Nosology.

Coxe's Philadelphia Medical Dictionary, containing a concise Explanation of all the terms in Medicine, Surgery, Pharmacy, Botany, Natural History, Chemistry and Materia Medica, compiled from the best authorities, ancient and modern.

Chirurgical Works of Percival Pott, F. R. S. Surgeon to St. Bartholomews' Hospital, with his last corrections; to which are added, a short Account of the Life of the Author, a method of curing the Hydrocele by injection, and occasional notes and observations, by Sir James Earle, F. R. S. Surgeon Extraordinry to the King, &c. First American, from the last London edition, in two volumes.

Duncan on Consumption, 12mo.

Darwin's Zoonomia complete, three parts bound in two.

Dorsey's Elements of Surgery, 2 vols.

Denman's Midwifery, 8vo.

Desault on Fractures and Luxations, by Caldwell, 8vo.

Desault's Surgical Works; or statement of the doctrine and practice of P. J. Desault, Surgeon in chief of the Great Hopital of Humanity at Paris, by Xavier Bichat, his pupil, adjunct Physician of the same hospital. Translated from the original, by Edward Darrel Smith, M. D. Professor of Chemistry, &c. in the South Carolina College, in 2 vols. 8vo. with plates.

Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal, 8vo. now publishing.

Eclectic Repertory and Analytical Review, Medical and Philosophical, by a Society of Physicians in Philadelphia, published in quarterly numbers, making one volume a year. The 8th volume of this valuable work is just published.

Ferrier's Medical Histories, 4 vols. in one.

Fordyce on Fevers.

Goodlad on the Absorbent System.

Gregory's (Professor, of Edinburgh,) **Dissertation on the influence of Climate in the cure of Diseases**, translated by Barton.

Hamilton's Midwifery, with Smellie's plates, 8vo.

Hamilton on the management of Female Complaints, 12mo.

Hey on Puerperal Fevers, 8vo.

Hamilton on Purgative Medicines.

Hooper's Anatomist's Vade Mecum, 12mo.

Physician's Vade Mecum 8vo.

Hamilton on Diseases of Infants.

Hunter on the Venereal, with Adams' Commentary and Notes.

Hunter on the Blood.

Haller's Plates of the Arteries.

Home on Cancer.

Hey's Surgery Plates.

Hooper's Medical Dictionary.

Henry's Chemistry, by Dr. Coxe, 8vo. new edition.

Home on Ulcers.

Hillary on Diseases of Barbadoes, by Rush.

Innes on the Muscles, 12mo.

Jones on the process employed by Nature in Suppressing the Hæmorrhage from Divided and Punctured Arteries ; and on the use of the Ligature. With Observations on Secondary Hæmorrhage: the whole deduced from an extensive series of Experiments, and illustrated by fifteen plates, 8vo. in boards.

Larrey's Surgery, 2 vols. 8vo.

Lind on Hot Climates.

London Dissector.

Le Gallois on Life, 8vo.

Medical Repository, (New York) 18 vols. 8vo. continued quarterly.

Murray's Materia Medica and Pharmacy, with notes by Professor Chapman, 2 vols, 8vo.

Motherby's Medical Dictionary, improved by Parr, 2 vols. 4to. plates.

Murray on the Arteries.

Medical Dictionary.

Macleane on Hydrothorax.

New England Medical Journal, published quarterly.

Pott's Surgery, 2 vols. reprinted from last London Edition, with Sir James Earle's Notes.

Practice of Physic, (the modern) exhibiting the characters, causes, symptoms, prognostics, morbid appearances, and improved method of treating the diseases of all climates. By Robert Thomas, M. D. of Salisbury, England. Abridged from the fifth and last London edition, by William Currie and David F. Condie, Physicians, Philadelphia.

Parkinson's Medical Admonitions, 8vo.

Chemical Pocket Book, 12mo.

Parke's Chemical Catechism. 8vo.

Grammar of Chemistry.

Phillip's Mineralogy, plates.

Pemberton on the Viscera, 8vo.

Practical Chemistry, or a Description of the Processes by which the various articles of Chemical Research, in the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms are procured, together with the best mode of Analysis; translated from the French of P. M. Orfila, by John Redman Coxe, M. D.; to which is added, a variety of subjects of Practical Utility; and a copious Glossary of Chemical Terms and Synonimes; just published, with 8 plates, 8vo.

Quincey's Medical Lexicon, 8vo.

Reid on Consumption, 8vo.

Richerand's Elements of Physiology, now complete,

translated by De Lys, with notes and illustrations,
by Dr. Chapman.

Rush's Works, 2 vols. 8vo.

on the Diseases of the Mind.

on Ardent Spirits, 12mo.

Pringle on Diseases of the army.

Sydenham.

Hillary.

Cleghorn.

Introductory Lectures and Syllabus.

Saunders on the Liver, 12mo.

Senac on Fevers, translated by Caldwell, 8vo.

**System of Anatomy, from the Encyclopedia, with 12
large copper plates, 8vo.**

Scofield on Vaccination.

**Swediaur on the Venereal, a new and much improved
edition, by the author, translated by Dr. Hewson.**

Saunders on the Eye, and Materia Medica.

Therapeutics, Elements of, by Professor Chapman.

Timbrel on Ruptures, 12mo.

Thomas on Inflammation, 8vo.

Trotter on the Nervous Temperament.

Thompson's Chemistry, by Cooper, new edition.

**Thomas's Practice, abridged by Drs. Currie and Con-
die.**

Underwood on the Diseases of Children, 8vo.

Surgical Tracts, 8vo.

Webster Medicinæ Praxeos Systema, 2 vols. 8vo.

Wilson on Fevers, 2 vols.

Wistar's System of Anatomy, 2 vols. 8vo.

Woolcombe on Consumptions.

Ware on the Eye, 2 vols.

**Zoonomia by Darwin, Part 2d, being the Theory and
Practice of Physic, 2 vols. 8vo.**

All new Medical Publications as they appear.

